# SOME REAL DETECTIVE STORIES. Told by well known Criminal Catchers

come in a moment. When it did I threw it wide open and covered Richmond with my gun. My man was just behind him holding a gun at his back. As quick as lightning Richmond reached toward his hip pocket but he thought better of it and dropped his hands. It was just as well for him.

"For five hours we couldn't get a word out of him. He was quiet enough, but seemed disgusted at the ease with which he had been taken in. At last he remarked: seemed disgusted at the ease with which he had been taken in. At last he remarked:

"If I had thought there was any trick about this deal you would have been dead some time ago."

"I told him that I wasn't taking any chances along that line.

"Richmond was a short, broad little man. He had been a school teacher at one time. Always he wore a black mustache, which he said he wouldn't have cut off for anything. No, there was no mystery about that mustache. He was merely proud of it.

"Both Schlotmann and Richmond were convicted. Schlotmann was sentenced to fifteen years, and Richmond to twenty, I got five years off Schlotmann's sentence because he had helped me to land the other. Both men are out now. Finished their terms years ago. But I often think of catching that thief with a 2-cent stamp. WILLIAM DESMOND.

CHIEF OF POLICE

# WILLIAM PINKERTON

DETECTIVES

How the Cape Town Postoffice Was Successfully Looted of \$850,000 in Gems.

HE stories of the early exploits of the Pinkertons are household tales in this country. Hence, when William A. Pinkerton, of the International Police Chiefs Association now in this city, was approched by a Times representative to unfold a real, thrilling story of some of the achievements of Allan Pinkerton and his sons he did not offer one of those ancient and familiar tales of criminal history. He declined to tell again how the Reno gang was broken up or how the

Bidwell brothers were run to earth. What he did tell was a story of an \$850,000 robbery with which the Pinkertons had nothing whatever to do, which never resulted in a conviction and which was related to Mr. Pinkerton by the man " did the job."

who "did the job."
"In these days," said Mr. Pinkerton at
the Shoreham, "men don't work frauds
on the Bank of England as the Bidweli
boys did. But it was only a few years
ago that I heard the details of one of
the biggest diamond steals on record told
by the man who planned and executed
it.

by the man who planned and executed it. "You remember when the Gainsborrough portrait of the Duchess of Devonship are streamed to the owners after had been lost for twenty-five years? That was only about four years ago. The policy of the place where a new ax lay, and across the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the sharp edge. The blade cut far into his hands, but he kept on new at the cut

# His Biggest Haul.

"But that's another story. Harry Worth was a professional thief. He was born somewhere near Boston. I knew that he had cornered big sums of money at times, and out of curiosity I asked him at the time of the Gains portrait affair what was the largest amount of coin he had ever had at one time The story he told me was this. and I have every reason to believe every detail of it correct:

"He was stranded in Cape Town, South Africa. The night before the ship sailed for England he and his pal conceived the idea of robbing the diamond consignment that was on its way down from the diamond fields for shipment

CHIEF OF THE PINKERTON DETECTIVE

WILLIAM.

PINKERTON

hey could not bring it home to him n spite of all the big tricks he turned nancially.

# MAJ. WM. DESMOND

Apprehends a Clever Thief With the Help of an Gidinary Postage Stamp.

from my station and all I used from the diamond fields for shipment the following day. They needed a third man, and found him in a stranded sear and in port. They lay in ambush on the trail, first having tied a rope across the road from one tree to another. The train came lumbering down the trail. The lead mules tripped on the rope, according to plans, and the tram and harness were thrown into an inextricable mass. The big Boer guards, however, opened fire with their Winchesters and didn't give a foot of ground. In the end Worth and his partners had to run for the one fallure, but the principal waited for the next shipment. In the meantime he made a friend of the assistant postmaster at Cape Town. He took him to lunch, and, being well dressed, he made a good impression. One night he went up the country and mailed three registered packages, addressed to thinself at the Cape Town office. Known in the tree registered packages, addressed to thinself at the Cape Town office. Knowning that these, being registered, would be deposited in the vault, he arrived at the postoffice the next evening just as his friend was locking up. Under a pretext of being in a great hurry for the packages he persuaded the postmaster to unlock the safe. During the process Worth got time and he could have got away with it was for bigger game.

"The adaption and found and succording and found in the office of detectives of St. Louis. Schlotmann, and was Rickmond. I put it up to a may 2-cent stamp," said Maj. William postmond, chief of detectives of St. Louis the first had been in many station, detectives of St. Louis the first had been an advanced by the first had been in a circus in and told me where to find some of fick mode and the postmaster at Cape Town office. Known the seed that he was a clever the country and mailed for the next shipment. In the meantime he made a friend of the assisting the process of the property of the process of the property of the process of the process worth got an advanced that the office of the process worth got an advanced that the office to get him-he was a clever

store—it was New Malley's principal staying. It was four hundred miles shop, and you could buy anything there or more away, and it takes a lot of from pickles to tar paper—about sun—money to go all that distance after a the open. He had been come up with and he could have got away with it perfect ease, but he preferred to for bigger game. he day before the next ship sailed from pickles to tar paper—about sunwith perfect ease, but he preferred to with the preferred to with the perfect ease, but he preferred to with the preferred to with the perfect ease, but he preferred to with the preferred to down, just as the prepreter was closing of preferred to which that he is a the preferred to a void the trip and perfect ease the time of day pleas in the open and perfect the man had to stoop down, but as the prepreter was closing on the form please the time of day please from the preferred to down, just as the prepreter was closing the form plekes to tar paper—about sunform the color may be the form plekes to tar paper—about sunform the color may be the form please the time of day please from the preferred to way that the open the does now so I cast about for a scheme to avoid the trip and yet get the man. Plangly I persuaded Schlotmann that the best thing he could do was to write. Him had to stoop down best thing he could do was to write. Him had the prevents he was not a counter best thing he could do was to write. Him had the mound a fear thing he could do was to write. Him had the more the prevents he was not accounter pointing a third gun at him he seems either by shooting the of-the mound in the street the man had to stoop down best thing he could do was to write. Him had the mound a letter telling him that he was not accounter pointing a third gun at him he street the man had the needed was a part of the day he would the prevent house in the open him had th

"I was put on the case, and finally I thought that I had located one of the men in a suburb of St. Louis. The store-keeper was sure that he could identify the men. Therefore we took him with us when we made the haul. The man we were looking for was not at home when we arrived. I talked to his brother and mother for a time and pretty soon we saw the man himself coming toward the saw the saw the man himself coming toward the saw the s saw the man himself coming toward the house. He noticed there was something thing wrong, and instead of coming in they were looking for, and besides I the went to an outhouse. I motioned to the man I was with, and we went down to the little shed and brought him out in short order, and the storekeeper recin short order, and the storekeeper recognized him as one of the thieves. He of my helmet; policemen's helmets don't saw that the jig was up and came along have very wide brims, you know. It ONCE caught a thief 400 miles quietly enough.

Richmond had told his family that during the ten years he had been in Jall he had been in a circus in England. His family lived in a small town in Missouri, fifty miles or more from St. Louis. I went down to see them, representing myself to be a circus man and anxious to see Jöhn Richmond on business. The gag worked well and his uncle admitted that John was in Dakota. I remarked that John was in Dakota. I remarked that Dakota was rather a large territory, and intimated that a hint as to his postoffice address would be convenient. But they could not or would not tell me it. So I went back to Schlotmann.

COL. MATHEW KIELY

Desperate Outlaw Who Surrendered

Through Fear Caused by a

Scientific Gun-Play.

of the best marksmen with a revolver that ever donned a policeman's uniform;

force with the revolver is well known, and talked of wherever policemen con-

gregate. It is due largely to Colonel Kiely's energy and fondness for good

shooting that this is so.
"It is not always newssary for the

thief taker to shoot to kill-there would be no use for courts if that were the

case-but he must shoot close. An in-stance of what close shooting will do

to dampen the ardor of the boldest eriminals occurred in St. Louis 'way back in '78. I captured John Casey, one

GUN is to a policeman or de-

guietly enough.

"It was Schlotmann. After that it was not hard to discover that the other man was Richmond. I put it up to Schlotmann quite frankly, told him just how matters stood and advised him to how matters stood and advised him to how matters stood and advised him to he matter stood and he mat

Casey over to him and jumped the fence after the second thief, who seemed to know how to handle a gun pretty well. I came up with him in a back "I told him what I had discovered and yard of a house a bit farther down the worked on him until I found out the block. Most of the fight was gone out

THE SHADOWS OF WASHINGTON LIFE

THE KOBBYIST'S STORY Scraps of Conversation Overheard in House Restaurant. HREE fragments of conversation I overheard in the House restaurant the winter before last have tective what a pair of bright stuck in my memory. At the time they tective what a pair of bright eyes is to the demurest maiden that ever walked Broadway, or what his forelegs are to grizzly—handy in a pinch," said Col. Mathew Kiely, chief of police in St. Louis, and Colonel Kiely ought to know, For he has the reputation of being one of the best marksmen with a revolver stuck in my memory. At the time they made no impression on me, But in the light of subsequent events I came to understand their significance. Part of the pitiful drama was told me—the balance I deduced from the outcome of a little legislation which was fathered by a Western congressman and unostentationally shoved through the House and is up to you. I'll show you how I am tiously shoved through the House and

has taken part in enough gun parties to turn an ordinary man's hair gray.

The efficiency of the St. Louis police

Representatives whose personalities were like the control of the St. Louis police.

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Representatives whose personanties were exceedingly distasteful to me. But of the entire list of my professional acquaintances under the dome I cannot recall another man toward whom I have recall another man toward whom I have felt an antipathy equal to that aroused my this trans-Mississippi "lawmaker." I was picking up a hurried funch one afternoon when he came in and occu-pled an adjoining table. He was accompanied by a white-haired man, whom he introduced to an associate as his father.
It was quite evident that the old gentleman considered his son the most brilliant Congressman in the House, and the latter accepted his admiration with patronizing indulgence. Once he referred to him as the "best press agent an unappreciative district could possibly have."

# A Permanent Fixture.

The old man soon became a permanent fixture at the Capitol. Other men began to use him, much to the son's ad-vantage. When he was not a nuisance his point.

going to pay for it."

He pulled an envelope out of his "Here is the bill for that Governmen

a duplicate of the first, with the exception that it applies to township 14. I shall back the second one.

"Mortgage Everything You Own."

"Now, mortgage everything you own, organize a company, buy as much of this township as possible and let me have the balance. I will need every cent I can get to grease the wheels. After it goes through you will have money to buy I can pay the same that worthy was not on the figor. He started for the door—then stopped short. Evidently he remembered how quickly such bills are passed, once they are called up. burn. I am putting all I can scrape to-gether into the deal."

estly. But later they were walking through the corridor together and from the facial expression of the Western member I judged that he had carried frantically to the Representative who had the measure in charge, but his rig-

Congressmen took to him kindly.

Three weeks later the bill came up for a final reading. I was sitting in the gallary just behind the old man, and when the reading commenced I recalled the discussion in the restaurant. He leaned good boy and he'll stick to his word.

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Three weeks later the bill came up for a final reading. I was sitting in the gallery just behind the old man, and when the reading commenced I recalled the discussion in the restaurant. He leaned forward eagerly when the clerk droned to the gallery just behind the old man, and when the reading commenced I recalled the discussion in the restaurant. He leaned forward eagerly when the clerk droned to the gallery just behind the old man, and when the reading commenced I recalled the discussion in the restaurant. He leaned forward eagerly when the clerk droned to the gallery just behind the old man, and when the reading commenced I recalled the discussion in the restaurant. He leaned forward eagerly when the clerk droned to the gallery just behind the old man, and when the reading commenced I recalled the discussion in the restaurant. He leaned forward eagerly when the clerk droned to the gallery just behind the old man, and when the reading commenced I recalled the discussion in the restaurant. He leaned forward eagerly when the clerk droned the properties are the properties and the first properties are the properties are the

the railing before him. It was apparent his first thought was that some misings should be stayed. He looked wildly be, but that worthy was not on the

# The Old Man Dazed.

As he looked down on the House The father objected and protested. I again, to find the bill going through the deft them arguing the question earn-

# THE NAVAL TREATY

mantelpiece, and then he proceeded to turn back the corner of the carpet in the neighborhood of the door. Presently had made a mistake when he started to get away and was in the angle between the house and a high fence. I fired as I ran and the second bullet took away a bit of his coat. Whether it was that he lost his nerve on account of the close shooting or thought that he would have a better chance of escaping later or not I do not know, but he threw down his gun and asked me to save his life. place he drew that little cylinder of paper, pushed down the board, rearranged the carpet, blew out the can-

"Well, he has rather more viciousness than I gave him credit for, has Master Joseph. He flew at me with his knife. and I had to grasp him twice, and got a cut over the knuckles, before I had the upper hand of him. He looked murder out of the only eye he could see with when we had finished, but he listened to reason and gave up the papers of him, however, and he surrendered.
"This was the first time that Dia-I wired full particulars to Forbes this the open. He had been come up with before, but always in a room or den of some kind, and had invariably made his escape either by shooting the officer after him or jumping from Lord Holdhurst for one, and Mr. Percy Phelps for another, would very much rather that the affair never got as far as a police court.' "My God!" gasped our client "Do you

tell me that during these long ten weeks of agony the stolen papers were within

reputation to hold his hand."

Percy Phelps sank back in his chair.
"My head whirls," said he. "Your cealed it in what he thought was a very

remarked Holmes, in his didactic ing to the French embassy, or wher-fashion, "lay in the fact of there being ever he thought that a long price was a matter of fact, the T joint which too much evidence. What was vital was to be had. Then came your sudden regives off the pipe which supplies the overlaid and hidden by what was irreturn. He, without a moment's warrekitchen underneath. Out of this hiding levant. Of all the facts which were pre- ing, was bundled out of his room, and which we deemed to be essential, and ways at least two of you there to prethen piece them together in their order, vent him from regaining his treasure. dies, and walked straight into my arms as I stood walting for him outside the able chain of events. I had already maddening one. But at last he thought begun to suspect Joseph, from the fact he saw his chance. He tried to steal that you had intended to travel home in, but was baffled by your wakefulwith him that night, and that therefore ness. You may remember that you did it was a likely enough thing that he not take your usual draught that should call for you, knowing the Foreign Office well, upon his way. When I heard that some one had been so anxious to get into the bedroom, in he guite relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the had taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make that the relied well and taken steps to make the relied well and taken out when you arrived with the doctor-my suspicions all changed to certain-ing the room gave him the chance he ties, especially as the attempt was made on the first night upon which the nurse day so that he might not anticipate us. was absent, showing that the intruder Then, having given him the idea that the house.

"How blind I have been!" "The facts of the case, as far as I of agony the stolen papers were within the very room with me all the time?"
"So it was."
"And Joseph! Joseph a villain and a thief!"
"Hum! I am afraid Joseph's character is a rather deeper and more dangerous one than one might judge from his appearance, From what I have heard from him this morning, I gather that he has lost heavily in dabbling with stocks, and that he is ready to do anything on earth to better his fortunes. Being an absolutely selfish man, when

a chance presented itself he did not allow his sister's happiness or your first train, and having examined his booty and assured himself that it realwords have dazed me." safe place, with the intention of taking "The principal difficulty in your case," it out again in a day or two, and carrysafe place, with the intention of taking sented to us we had to pick just those from that time onward there were al-

which no one but Joseph could have he quite relied upon your being unconconcealed anything—you told us in your narrative how you had turned Joseph would repeat the attempt whenever it was well acquainted with the ways of the coast was clear, I kept guard as I have described. I already knew that th papers were probably in the room, but I had no desire to rip up all the pla "The facts of the case, as far as I have worked them out, are these: This Joseph Harrison entered the office through the Charles street door, and knowing his way he watked straight the charles are the controlled the case was a so saved myself an infinity of trouble. Is there any other country with the case was a so saved myself and infinity of trouble.